GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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JOINT FLIGHTS BY IA AND AI
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Airlines and Air India have jointly operated some flights from various airports;

(b) if so, the details of such flights alongwith their routes;

(c) whether the flights were profitable for both the carriers;

(d) if so, whether the Government propose to encourage such joint flights; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK)

(a), (b), (c), (d) and (e) : Under the Memorandum of Understanding signed on 01 January 1994, Indian Airlines and Air India were earlier operating 12 joint venture flights per week from India to Gulf - four each from Calicut to Dubai, Abu Dhabi & Muscat. This Joint venture agreement has since been terminated keeping in view their operational patterns, respective fleet resources and other relevant factors. The twelve joint venture frequencies have been equally distributed between Air India and Indian Airlines. Whereas Air India have taken over four frequencies to Abu Dhabi, four frequencies to Muscat have been given to Indian Airlines. Four services to Dubai have been equally shared between the two airlines.